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AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMCONSUL KADUNA

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: ETRN, NI

SUBJECT: U. S. CITIZEN JOHN E. WATERMAN/ ALIA AIR CRASH AT KAN

REF : BEIRUT 2799

1. WATERMAN' S UNDERSTANDING OF CONDUCT OF NIGERIA' S INVESTIGATION OF KANO ACCIDENT IS FAR OFF BASE AND HIS FEAR FOR PERSONAL SAFETY BADLY, IF NOT WILDLY, EXAGGERATED.

2. KADUNA CONSUL REPORTS THAT CONSULATE, INCLUDING CONSOFF WHO MET WITH WATERMAN DAY AFTER ACCIDENT AND PRINCIPAL OFFICER WHO ENQUIRED OF HIS WELFARE FROM AMERICANS IN CONTACT WITH WATERMAN IN KANO THROUGHOUT EPISODE, UNAWARE OF ANY THREATS TO WATERMAN BY GOVERNOR BAKO. PRESS MENTIONED " MOB" LOOKED FOR PILOT DAY AFTER CRASH, BUT NOTHING ELSE.

3. KANO STATE GOVERNOR HAS NO DIRECT ROLE IN INVESTIGATION. IT IS BEING CONDUCTED BY A BOARD OF PUBLIC INQUIRY AS PROVIDED FOR IN NIGERIA' S CIVIL AVIATION ACT OF 1964 AND CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS OF 1965. AD HOC BOARD WAS ESTABLISHED BY FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND ITS PRESIDING OFFICER WAS APPOINTED BY
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CHIEF JUSTICE OF FEDERATION.

4. PURPOSE OF BOARD OF INQUIRY IS MUCH LIKE THAT OF AN ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION IN U. S. IT IS TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE OF ACCIDENT. IF THERE ARE ANY ALLEGATIONS OF NEGLIGENCE A COURT COULD LATER CONSIDER CRIMINAL OR CIVIL CHARGES.

5. BOARD DOES NOT HAVE POWER TO LEVY ANY

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